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**Dalrymple recognizes emergency responders for rescuing motorists during last week's winter storms**

Governor Jack Dalrymple today expressed his utmost appreciation to all official and volunteer emergency responders who rescued motorists stranded in major storms last week and during the New Year's weekend.

"Reports indicate that the responses to these major storms saved lives, and all of the people who gave of their time, and put their own safety in jeopardy deserve our gratitude and support," Dalrymple said.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol, sheriff departments from Cass County and other counties throughout eastern North Dakota, other law enforcement agencies and fire departments were among the many responding organizations that rescued more than 50 people who were involved in car accidents or became stranded during winter storms that struck the region.

Dalrymple also commended the North Dakota Department of Transportation and county and city road crews for their timely response and diligence in clearing roads for travel.

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